

MANAGED BY THE MEN.

Eckington and Belt R. R. Employees Organize for Beneficial Purposes.

The applicants were admitted to membership in the Eckington and Soldiers' Home and Belt Railway Company's Plan of Association at the meeting held last night. Other applications were received and referred for examination previous to being acted upon at the next regular meeting. The association is a new one, having been formed July 10 last by the employees of the Belt. The advantages engaged on the 11th street line. The advantage was quickly made known to the other members of the rest of the Belt road, as well as sister corporation, the Eckington, and many of these expressed a desire to become members. It was decided to allow them to enjoy its benefits. The organization is simple. An entrance fee of \$1.00 is required from each member, after which he is required to pay dues of 50 cents a month. Should a member fall sick he is paid per week as long as his illness continues. If he dies while a member of the association is assessed \$1, and the sum thus collected turned over to his widow or heirs.

The officials of the Eckington and companies have no connection whatever with the association, but membership in it is to the employees of both roads. It is to the employees of both roads. It is necessary that an applicant shall be voted for by two-thirds of the members of both roads. Applicants are admitted sufficient to deny his application in case they deny their membership in it is compulsory, or that there is no money idea about the organization, it being a relief association, such as those conducted by the Baltimore and Annapolis and Potomac and the Washington Georgetown railroads.

The present officers are: E. L. Weaver, president; H. D. Smith, vice president; S. Ballinger, foreman, 11th street line; F. Russell, conductor, 11th street line; H. D. Smith, painter, 11th street line; secretary: R. W. Leonard, conductor, 11th street line; financial secretary: G. F. Hall, 11th street line; treasurer: B. B. Smith, conductor, 11th street line; chaplain: W. Wilson, driver, 11th street line; outside guard, driver, Belt line, outside guard.

Early Morning Fires.

The fire department was called out today for four early morning fires. At 7 o'clock No. 9 engine drove to the scene on a local, because of fire in the shed near of Charles Hall's residence, 1700 street northwest. There was a quantity of paint and oil stored in the shed, and caused the flames to spread rapidly. The cause of the fire could not be ascertained. The firemen used 50 gallons of water.

About 1:30 o'clock fire was discovered at the Masonic Hall, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 4th street southeast, and the firemen used 50 gallons of water. A fire originated in a box of paper on third floor, and the firemen from No. 9 engine house responded so promptly that it did not spread. No damage done.

About 1 o'clock an alarm of fire from No. 9 engine house was sounded. Fire was discovered in Michael Scanlon's lard room, corner of 9th and D streets. The cause of the fire could not be ascertained. The firemen used 50 gallons of water. The loss was estimated at less than \$100. An insurance company will have to settle for the loss.

The Third Baptist Church Trouble.

The trouble in the Third Baptist Church, colored, corner of 5th and Q streets, Monday night, as published in Tuesday's Star, has resulted in a business meeting, and the church people say, was the result of a spirited debate in a business meeting, and that there was any political division, as was reported by some of those who were there. Policemen Johnson and Nease were called to the door for men, who got in trouble about the matter. In the case, were tried yesterday, as published in the Star, but the findings of the jury will not be made known several days.

Mr. Joseph R. Pryor, clerk of the Third Baptist Church, writing to the Star, says that the trouble was not a political meeting. He said that Mr. Edward Thornton is a trustee of the church or that he was roughly handled by some of the members. Mr. Pryor says, by one or two of the deacons, because he disturbed the meeting.

Arrested at Washington Junction.

A young man thought to be either Harry K. Balch or Geo. L. Day was arrested at Washington junction last night, and Detective Boyd went there today with Dan Curran for the purpose of identifying the prisoner. Mr. Curran, who is a clerk in Treasury Department, swore out a warrant charging the young man with passing on him a worthless check for \$1 if the prisoner proves to be either of them wanted he will be brought here for trial.

A Night at the Outing Club.

Last night was "ladies' night" at the Washington Outing club house, near Bradley, and a large number of people were present to enjoy the many good things furnished the club for their benefit. A quartet had been arranged, but owing to the non-appearance of several of the performers, it had to be postponed, and couples put in their time dancing to recorded music which was furnished. The grounds were beautifully lighted, and everything conducive to a good time was in its place and ready to be used. The ladies were given the lawn dance, and the intermission between dances a special car brought the party back to this city, after a most delightful evening.

Passing Forged Checks.

Another man passing forged checks has been heard from and the police are looking for him. Several days ago he passed a check for \$11 on a 14th street upholsterer, and yesterday he repeated the transaction on Newton D. Webb of 1101 Pennsylvania avenue southeast. One check, given to a man named Brown, was cashed at Washington. "W. E. Walker," while yesterday's charge on the National Capital Bank, signed "James H. Johnson." The man passed all sorts of checks, purchased \$2.25 worth of goods, and when the check was accepted he was given the change.

Death of a Former Land Office Clerk.

Early in July The Star chronicled the fact that Mr. James M. Johnston of the general land office had resigned his position to west and practice law, having recently graduated with honors at Georgetown University Law School. Yesterday information was received that he died at Washington, of his sudden death from peritonitis, having been ill only four days. As his friends in the Interior Department had not received notice of his death, and a general regret was felt at his loss.

The Funeral of Maj. Bates.

The funeral of Major F. H. Bates took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his home at 707 1/2 street.

The following members of the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of American Revolution were appointed committee to attend the funeral: General Thomas Carroll, chairman; Washington, Maryland; J. C. Gibson, U.S.A., Mr. George H. Marbury, Jr., Captain Edgar Zell Steyer, U.S.A., and Mr. Benjamin Miller.

Marrying Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: Charles E. Bell and Annie Cozay, both of Prince George's county, Md.; Griffin S. Greenby and Mary M. Robbins; Charles H. Maddox and Esther Lusby; Louis Kayser and Susan; William H. Taylor and Helen; and Amelia Harrington and William Jackson; Laura Payne; John E. Silway and Pinkey A. Ray; Jarrett and Mary; and Francis M. Smith and Mary A. Kidwell; Frank Tracy and Floie Colton.

"A Knight of the Nets."

The first installment of an interesting and wholesome story, entitled "A Knight of the Nets," by Amelia E. Barr, will appear Saturday's Star. The hero is laid in Scotland among the honest, pure-minded shrimpers, and the story is charmingly told.